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iara Air Aruba opens Palm Beach office



Alejandro and special guests cut the ribbon



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Yentl Lieuw, the voice of the Tiara Air commercial

Thursday evening, September 8, the executive management of Tiara Air Aruba, the island's highly successful home-grown carrier, proudly opened their fourth reservation office in the

courtyard of the Olde Molen in Palm Beach.

The attractive new office sits in the shadow of this wellknown island landmark, and will be managed by Nicole de Cuba. Tiara Air Aruba CEO Alejandro Muyale welcomed several of the company's tourism partners for the festive opening event. This included officials from the Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao tourism entities and tour operators who are collaborating in their newly launched Island Hopping Tours.

Tiara Air Aruba provides regular commercial flights to Curacao, Bonaire, Punto Fijo and Maracaibo, Venezuela and Riohacha, Colombia, and is expanding its itinerary by the end of the year.

However, they were parti-



Store rep Nicole de Cuba, Malinda Hassel, and Alejandro Muyale



Malinda and Alejandro cut the cake

cularly proud to announce the launching of day tours from Aruba to Curacao and Bonaire, which will be the featured product of this new office. Alejandro particularly credited Tiara Sales and Marketing Manager Malinda Hassell for making these new tours a real-

Vacationers can enjoy the famous nature of Bonaire every Monday and Wednesday, with land tours and airport



Angelo Harms, Derchlien Vrolijk and Camilo Muyale

pick up and return provided by Jentis Tours, which was represented

by Clay Davelaar on Thursday evening. Island Hopping for the day to Bonaire will be \$290 for adults, \$205 per child, including all airport taxes and land transfers.

Fiesta Tours of Curacao, represented by Glen and Lou Garcia, will provide island hopping day visitors from Aruba a historical and cultural tour of the island every Tuesday and Thursday. The price also includes all air and ground

transport, a guided tour, and airport taxes, costing \$275 for adults and \$205 for children. Tour guests will depart on the first Tiara Air Aruba flight to each destination and return on the last flight of the day.

Tiara Air Aruba management expressed great satisfaction and excitement to be now offering the Island Hopping tours between the three sister islands, for which they feel there will be quite some inte-

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Quota International of Aruba conducts annual hearing awareness week

Quota International of Aruba in conjunction with the Fundacion pa Esnan cu Problema di Oido, FEPO (Foundation for the Hearing Impaired) announced they were honored this year to have the S.V.B. San Nicolas cooperating with their annual campaign of free hearing testing during Shattered Silence week.

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Ivy Simon Hernandez with FEPO Director and Dr. Cabenda

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US begins 9/11 remembrances amid new terror threat

NEW YORK (AFP) - Americans Friday began somber ceremonies to mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks as armed police patrolled New York streets and subways to thwart a new Al-Qaeda-linked terror threat.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said there was news "of a specific, credible, but unconfirmed report that Al-Qaeda, again, is seeking to harm Americans and, in particular, to target New York and Washington."

The latest scare was a reminder of the need for a constantlyimproved anti-terrorism strategy, the top US diplomat said.

Calling for "smart power,"

Clinton said America needed to fight terror on distant battlegrounds, but also needed unity in domestic politics, and to fix the troubled economy.

Memories remain raw in New York, and across the country, of the day on September 11, 2001, when Al-Qaeda hijackers slammed three passenger planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, in the nation's capital.

A fourth plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field when the passengers overpowered the hijackers in a valiant bid to end the worst ever attacks on American soil.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano called on

all Americans to remain vigilant, vowing to "protect the American people from an evolving threat picture both in the coming days and beyond."

Details of the latest threat remained sketchy, but CNN reported Friday that US spy networks had been alerted after intercepting communications from a known, reliable Al-Qaeda operative in Pakistan.

Vice President Joe Biden said a possible car bomb may be at the heart of the latest scare. "We don't have a smoking gun, but we do have talk about using a car bomb," Biden told ABC television.

President Barack Obama was briefed again Friday on

the threat and repeated his order for security agencies to "redouble" efforts to take all necessary precautions, his spokesman Jay Carney said.

But there have been no changes to his plans to attend ceremonies on Sunday at Ground Zero in New York, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

At Ground Zero, a somber litany of the names of the dead will be read against a backdrop of the progress in rebuilding the World Trade Center.

Sunday will also see the opening of a national 9/11 memorial, consisting of two huge square fountains dug into the footprints of the old Twin Towers

Europol asks for help in tracking IKEA blasts suspect

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Europol on Friday asked for help in tracking a suspect,"On behalf of Dutch and Belgian authorities, Europol is appealing for information following blasts at Ikea stores on 30 May, 2011," the European police agency, based in The Hague, said in a statement.

Booby-trapped alarm clocks blew up at Ikea stores in Belgium, France and the Netherlands, prompting the Swedish furniture giant to beef up security across the continent

"The perpetrator, who is thought to be the same for each attack, placed improvised explosive devices (IEDs) inside IKEA stores before making a quick exit," Europol said. "The devices then detonated, causing injuries and property damage -- one could have been potentially fatal," it added. So far, nobody has claimed responsibility for the blasts.

The suspect is also linked to explosions in the Czech Republic and Germany using the same methods.

He is described as aged between 35 and 45, slender and about 1.75 metres (5.7 feet) tall. Believed to be of central European origin, he had a tanned skin, fair short hair, stubble and was wearing glasses at the time. He spoke English only.

Niger vows not to shield wanted Libyans

NIAMEY (AFP) - Niger vowed Friday to respect international commitments if wanted Libyans enter its terri-

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tory but denied Moamer Kadhafi was among senior officials of the toppled regime already within its borders.

Amadou confirmed three Kadhafi-era generals, including his air force chief, Al-Rifi Ali Al-Sharif, arrived in Agadez in northern Niger Thursday night.

The other two were Ali Khana, a Kadhafi bodyguard and chief of the forces of Obari in south Libya, and Mahammed Abydalkarem, commander of the military in Murzuk, also in the south.

Niger's neighbour Burkina Faso, meanwhile, denied claims that it was hosting a group of generals close to Kadhafi, or having any contact with his toppled regime.

A source from Niger's ethnic Tuareg community earlier said a number of pro-Kadhafi generals and senior officials had passed through Niger into Burkina Faso three or four weeks ago.

He said they entered Niger at Agadez and moved to Niamey, where they made large transactions at the Libyan Bisic bank before going on to Burkina Faso, the source claimed.

But Niger's Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, in Burkina Faso Thursday for talks with President Blaise Compaore, denied Kadhafi was in his country.

The ousted strongman himself also dismissed reports

Thursday that he fled to Niger.

World police body Interpol called earlier for the arrest of Kadhafi, his son Seif al-Islam and his intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senussi, for whom the International Criminal Court has issued warrants of arrest for crimes against humanity.

Niamey has confirmed having allowed a dozen Kadhafi aides, including his internal security chief Mansour Daw, into the country for "humanitarian reasons".

National Transitional Council spokesman Jalal al-Gallal urged countries, particularly Libya's neighbours, not to facilitate the escape of former regime officials or Kadhafi by providing a safe haven.



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Quota International of Aruba conducts annual hearing awareness week



Scott Greenberg

The week of testing will begin on Monday, September 19, lasting through Saturday, September 24. Tests will be conducted at the FEPO offices in Eagle, across from the Eagle Tennis Club on Monday through Friday, and in San Nicolas Tuesday through Saturday.

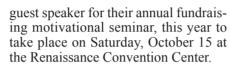
Project Manager Ivy Simon-Hernandez was joined at the FEPO offices in Oranjestad by Ear, Nose and Throat specialist Dr. Steve Cabenda in encouraging the public to take advantage of this opportunity to have their hearing tested, and find out if a hearing aid could improve their quality of life.

They estimate that around 10-15% of Aruba's population has serious hearing deficiencies, and remind the public of the various activities, such as concerts and carnival, where high decibel

levels of music and damage eardrums.

Those wishing to arrange for a free hearing test must make an appointment by calling FEPO at 583-1016 or the S.V.B office in San Nicolas at 527-2814.

During the announcement of the upcoming Shattered Silence week Quota also announced the



Featured speaker is Scott Greenberg, and the topic is "Bringing out Your Best." Mr. Greenberg is known for "inspiring, down-to-earth programs that will get your group laughing, learning and living at their best." He encourages leadership, resilience and peak performance and is a veteran presenter for business, educational and student motivational seminars.

Scott is a cancer survivor, having gone through radiation and chemo at a very young age, while still a graduate film student at NYU. Keeping a journal, he noticed that some suffered through their treatment: snapping at family members, complaining to nurses and succumbing to depression. Others, equally ill, spent this time joking, laughing and living. Their conditions were similar, but their internal reactions totally varied." He believes that everyone is better than think, and that great motivational speakers should both educate and entertain.

The seminar will be from 1:30 to 5:30 PM and tickets are 75 Aruban florins per person, including snacks and refreshments. Tickets are on sale at Maggy's, Antraco and Giselle Boutique in Noord.

by Rosalie Klein



Mariela Nava Figarao and Nizana Solognier

Foundation Alzheimer's Aruba announced Teal Ribbon Week schedule

The Ninth Annual Teal Ribbon Week, 8 days of events on Aruba centered around World Alzheimer's Day on September 21, was announced by FAA President Drs. Melva Croes-Yanez during press conference at Madame Jeanette's Restaurant Thursday afternoon, September 8.

Present for the announcement were all the volunteers of the foundation and special geusts Pastor

Forbes of the 7th Day Adventist Church in San Nicolas and Pastor Luis, President of the Adventist Mission to Aruba. The church will host the opening event on Sunday, September 13, of a memorial service followed by a "non-alcoholic social encounter" from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20, the foundation will host media events with guest lecturer Dr. Robert Winter of Lenoir-Rhyne University, North Carolina and conferences on "Informing the Community through Media" regarding understanding Alzheimer's.

On Wednesday, World Alzheimer's Day, the foundation will host their annual Memory Walk, organized by the Aruba Airport Authority and American Airlines. The walk will begin at 4:30 PM at the Reina Beatrix International Airport and follow a route along the L.G. Smith Boulevard to finish in the parking lot of Ling & Sons supermarket.

Thursday, September 22, Dr. Robert Winter will speak on "Art Therapy and Diagnostics" at the University of Aruba in Oranjestad, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. He will also conduct a three-day workshop over the weekend, beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday, in the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort. His topic will be "Art Therapy & Diagnostics in



teers of the foundation and special FAA president Melva Croes Yanez with Ronnie Croes and volunteers

Emotional & Neuro-Cognitive Conditions." He will provide clinical and educational formats, and FAA considers this course an absolute necessity for caregivers working with Alzheimer's patients, as well as enlightening for individuals with family members living with Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease is now recognized as an umbrella term for a number of neurological disorders, usually affecting the elderly with cognition deficiencies or dementia. The workshops provide "important techniques in learning to detect and diagnose possible emotional disorders by understanding the therapeutic value of graphic expression and the significance of graphic symbols as a way to manifest emotional crises and pathologies, while developing a means of communication for those unable to do so verbally."

Workshops cost \$100 each, or \$180 to participate in both the Clinical and Educational Workshops. The workshops have been sponsored by the Playa Linda Beach Resort and Divi Resorts Aruba. Information on the workshops and reservations forms can be obtained at their headquarters on the Avenida Milio Croes, or by calling 582-1684 or visit their website: www.alzheimeraruba.org.

by Rosalie Klein



Mazda's Rear Vehicle Monitoring System To Receive Euro NCAP Advanced Award



The Rear Vehicle Monitoring system image

Mazda Motor Corporation has announced that its Rear Vehicle Monitoring system (RVM), available in the European Mazda3 will receive a Euro NCAP Advanced award at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September 2011.

Established in 2010, the Euro NCAP Advanced award recognises new safety tech-

nologies that are proactively developed and introduced by automobile manufacturers. This year, the award acknowledges Mazda's RVM as one of the most outstanding new safety technologies.

Mazda's RVM alerts drivers to the possibility of a collision when changing lanes on the highway. At speeds over

radar 60km/h, sensors mounted in the left and right sides of the rear bumper detect vehicles approaching from behind in the adjacent lanes. When a vehicle moves into the detection zone, the system alerts the driver with an indicator light that is built into the door mirror on each side. If a vehicle is in the detection zone and the driver activates the turn signal to move into the same lane, the indicator light will blink and an audible warning will sound. The RVM system is effective even in bad weather conditions and is designed to detect all types of vehicles, including motorcycles.

Mazda was the first Japanese carmaker to introduce a rear vehicle monitoring system to Europe with the Mazda3 RVM in 2008. It was then made available with the European Mazda6 and the CX-7 in 2009, and will be included in the new Mazda CX-5 compact





The Rear Vehicle Monitoring system image

crossover SUV, premiering at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.

Mazda considers improving safety performance to be one of the fundamental principles of automobile manufacturing, and is engaged in the development of various safety technologies and systems. Mazda aims to deliver driving pleasure as well as outstanding environmental and safety performance to every customer. To ensure this, Mazda is accelerating its research and development programs to achieve

safety levels that are even higher than global safety standards.

About Euro NCAP

The European New Car Assessment Program (Euro NCAP) is a European car safety performance assessment program based in Brussels (Belgium) and founded in 1997. It consists of a various European consumers organizaitons, motor and transport clubs. It has been publishing safety results since 1997.





Foreign work petitions put on hold to afford all nationals available jobs



ORANJESTAD -- The Department for Labor Progress (DPL) has decided to put all petitions for work permits of foreign persons on hold until they can be sure that all Aruban nationals who registered as job seekers have found available employment.

As you may recall just recently DPL organized a very successful week where more than 1200 persons registered in the different barrios as job seekers. Of the 1200 registrants, 228 were already employed while 1022 were interested in finding employment. DPL consequently registered each of the 1022 persons in their computer system (BAS) to begin the process of finding work for them.

All registrants are advised to come by the DPL Office to ascertain what vacancies were found with respect to their particular skills and capabilities. In this way you will be able to consult one of DPL's trained consultants who will intervene on your behalf with potential employers.

Already a number of regis-

trants, on their own initiative visited DPL to find out what vacancies are available. Every week DPL publishes a list of current and new vacancies. The Minister of Labor has issued a directive to speed up the process and place as many people as possible in jobs. The Department is being urged to work diligently and effectively to put people to work the soonest possible.

Being the Department that advises on petitions regarding foreign work permits, they decided to give preference to all local registrants seeking employment and put all other petitions on hold. This will give them the needed time to process the requests for work from local registrants.

In this manner the government is demonstrating that our own people are getting the attention they deserve. Priority is placed on Aruban jobseekers in need of employment. The government t is convinced that every person who is employed is contributing to the national development of Aruba.

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Sanju Luidens-Daryianani of Aruba's council to the Minister of Tourism heartily agrees, as did Angelo Harms of the Curacao Tourist Board and Derchlien Vrolijk from the Bonaire Tourism Corporation, who were invited to join Alejandro and the Island Hopping partners in cutting the ribbon and officially opening the new office.

More details on the Tiara Air Aruba day trips can be found on their website: www.tiaradaytrips.com or by inquiring at the new office Monday through Friday.

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Industry partners are confident and foresee a bright future for Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Minster of Tourism invited a group of persons to a brainstorming session last Wednesday. Among the participants of this session were: Central Bank, Aruba Bankers Association, AHATA, AAA, Chamber of Commerce, ATIA, SNBA, AIB, and MAMBO.

Also present were Prime Minister Eman and Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer.

They claim that the brainstorming session was very valuable and important with respect to our development as an island.

The brainstorming session was focused on the 'Economic Outlook and Forecast for Tourism' and on looking at the current situation of Aruba and what are the indications for the future. The Minister wanted to get a feel from our partners what is their thinking on the



development on Aruba. According to observers, what was obvious from this session is that there is a sense of confidence with respect to the growth taking place on Aruba, and that there is the challenge for diversifying our economy. The government indicated that what they expect to see is more investment from the private sector which will help increase productivity per capita.

Minister Oduber considered the session extremely positive

and beneficial. He said that he left the meeting feeling very positive and with an outlook on what to expect for the rest of this year and also with a view on what to expect for 2012 -2013. During the session it was noted that the figures of the month of August with respect to Tourism continues to be positive with an increase of 11.7%. Tourism growth for the past 8 months of 2011 is at 6.7% which is double what was forecasted for 2011. This surpasses what were the government's forecast and their goal for economic growth for

Minister Oduber claims that they are on the same wave length as the Central Bank and the Department of Economic Affairs with respect to the growth expected for the rest of 2011 and for 2012.

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Da Vinci sketch recreated on melting Arctic ice

(AFP)-- An artist has recreàted Leonardo da Vinci's most famous sketch "Vitruvian Man" in the Arctic ice to draw attention to the ice melt, Greenpeace said Wednesday.

The Arctic ice cap has shrunk to almost the same level as in 2007 when it was at a record low.

An artist specialised in aerial art, John Quigley, travelled to the region on board a Greenpeace ice breaker and reproduced da Vinci's most famous drawing -- depicting a man in two superimposed positions with his arms and legs apart -- some 800 kilometers (500 miles) from the North Pole.

The artwork, which Quigley entitled "Melting Vitruvian Man", measures the equivalent of four Olympic-size swimming pools. The man's two arms and one leg have been cut off, symbolically melting into the sea to illustrate the disappearing ice.

Quigley used copper strips normally used to create solar panels to recreate the 500 year-old drawing.

"Literally climate change is eating into the body of our civilisation," the artist explained in a video clip published by Greenpeace.

The ice cap has never been as small as it was in August with the exception of 2007, according to the US-based National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC) which began its satellite measurements in 1979.

Several forecasts suggest the Arctic ice cap could disappear entirely during the summer months within a few decades.

While that is bad news for environmentalists, the phenomenon could be a boon for oil companies who hope to be able to gain access to oil and gas deposits that are unexploitable under the ice, and to shipping companies which could see shorter shipping routes with access to the Arctic waters.

Pacific shows climate change a reality: UN chief



Plans for new EU cars to dial for emergency help

(AFP)--The European Union is moving ahead with plans to ensure an automatic emergency call system is installed in all new cars from 2015 to save hundreds of lives on Europe's roads each year.

The eCall system to be fitted to new models of cars and light vehicles would automatically alert Europe's emergency number, 112, in the case of a serious accident, according to a European Commission plan obtained by AFP.

With minutes vital to save lives in car crashes, eCall devices alert emergency servotherwise unable to call," the proposal said.

The technology, estimated at less than 100 euros per car to install, can speed up the arrival of emergency workers by 40 percent in urban areas and 50 percent in the countryside.

Addressing privacy concerns, the system does not allow tracking because it sleeps until activated by a crash.

While a majority of member states are in favour of the system, Britain and France have failed to sign up to the

AUCKLAND (AFP) - UN Secretary-General Ban Kimoon said this past week that visiting Pacific nations threatened by rising seas had reinforced his belief that climate change was real and posed a genuine threat to humanity.

Ban stopped in the Solomon Islands and Kiribati on his way to New Zealand for the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), and described the two small nations as "on the front line" of the climate change issue.

He said Kiribati, where some villagers have been forced to relocate as the rising ocean encroaches on their land, dramatically illustrated climate change's impact on the planet.

"For those who believe climate change is about some

distant future, I invite them to visit Kiribati or the Solomon Islands and most of the Pacific island countries," he said in a speech at Auckland University.

Saturday, September 10, 2011

'Climate change is not about tomorrow. It is lapping at our feet -- quite literally in Kiribati and elsewhere."

Ban said that in his role as UN leader he had seen the impact of climate change firsthand in areas of the globe ranging from Antarctica to the Amazon Basin and Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa.

He said scientific evidence backed up his view.

"The science has made it plainly clear that climate change is happening now and, unfortunately, much, much faster than you may think," he said.

"Having visited Kiribati and the Solomon Islands has strengthened my conviction that climate change is a distinct threat to humanity, it is even a threat to international peace and stability."

Ban said the rising oceans were sending a signal that something was "seriously wrong with our current model of economic development".

"We will not succeed in reducing emissions without sustainable energy solutions,'

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EU to maintain safety checks on food from Japan

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union will extend until year's end checks on potential radioactive contamination in food imports from certain regions of Japan, the EU's executive said Friday.

A European Commission statement said controls on food from Japan adopted last March after the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster would be enforced until December 31 and be reviewed every month.

The controls "will continue to apply to all feed and food originating in or consigned from 12 prefectures of Japan," the statement said.

The products are tested for the presence of iodine-131, caesium-134 and caesium-137 before leaving Japan. They are also subject to reinforced testing regime in the EU.

"Feed and food products from the remaining 35 Japan-

ese prefectures will have to be accompanied by a declaration stating the prefecture of origin," the Commission added.

Cooling systems and backup generators failed at the Japanese plant in the wake of a 14-metre tsunami spawned by a 9.0-magnitude earthquake on March 11.

The accident triggered reactor meltdowns at the plant 220 kilometres (136 miles) northeast of Tokyo and spewed radiation into the environment.





Aruba Investment Bank Director envisions a bright tomorrow for Aruba



ORANJESTAD -- According to Frendsel Giel, Director of the Aruba Investment Bank (AIB) ..."we must create the ambiance to demonstrate what the efforts of the government could mean for the private sector." Giel was one of the participants at the Brain Storming session organized by the Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor.

The current investments of the government could have a positive effect on commerce, thus the private sector should make good use of this for themselves and for Aruba. Giel explained that the private sector asserted that they did not get any benefit from the economic boom of the 80's and 90's because it was foreign investors who profited. For this reason, Giel continued, local entrepreneurs have an opportunity once more to do whatever is necessary to improve their business and to follow along

with the current economic development. The AIB Director believes that the Aruban is not afraid to invest. He is of the opinion that they want to see what the developments are and how consistent these developments will be. They are also focused on the developments in the international market and on tourism with its highs and lows.

Frendsel Giel believes that what has happened more often than some is that entrepreneurs failed to

measure carefully what they were investing in. There were too much of the same which created a problem for new investors. However, according to Giel, the current market has consolidated and there are good perspectives for the upcoming years.

According to Giel, the doors of the bank are open to everyone and there is equality in the manner in which the bank attends to her clients. However, every individual must be totally committed to his project with respect to financial resources and energy...."these are important elements that the bank takes into consideration."

On the other hand, the interest on loans has dropped considerably, says Giel. This he claims is one reason why we should try to benefit from the current economic advances and approach the bank for loans



Government of Canada designates Sunwing to serve Aruba and the Bahamas

OTTAWA, Canada - The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, recently announced the designation of Sunwing Airlines to operate scheduled international air services between Canada and Aruba, and Canada and the Bahamas, providing travellers with direct flight choices between Canada and these two Caribbean markets.

"These designations provide Canadians with direct flight options to Aruba and the Bahamas rather than having to make a connection via another point," said Minister Lebel. "In addition to promoting more convenient international travel options for consumers, the designations will play an important role in increasing growth and competition in the Canadian airline industry."

Under Canada's 2002 Multiple Designation policy, all Canadian air carriers may apply to the minister for designation to operate scheduled international air services. The designation of Sunwing Airlines to serve Aruba and the Bahamas was made possible by an existing air transport agreement between the Government of Canada and the two countries.

Since November 2006, Canada's Blue Sky policy has encouraged long-term, sustainable competition and the development of new and expanded international air transport services. Under this policy, the Government of Canada has concluded open, new or expanded air transport agreements with 57 countries, including:

• Open Skies-type agreements with 12 countries: Ireland, Iceland, New Zealand,

Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, South Korea, El Salvador, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Brazil;

• expanded agreements with nine countries: Mexico, Japan, Jordan, Singapore, the Philippines, Morocco, Cuba, Egypt and Algeria;

• new first-time agreements with nine countries: Kuwait, Serbia, Croatia, Panama, Turkey, South Africa, Ethiopia, Tunisia and Qatar; and

• a comprehensive air transport agreement between Canada and the European Union's 27 member states. This includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia, with which Canada did not previously have air transport agreements.



Industry partners are confident...

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As for the Airport there is also a sense of confidence there in terms of the airlines. They foresee an increase in the amount of seats for the upcoming winter period compared to that of the past winter.

Oduber considered the presentations given by ATA, AAA, Central Bank and the Ministry of Economic Affairs the most positive of all the presentations. Their forecasts are extremely positive for the end of the year and for next year. This is contrary to what was believed that the political

decisions and economic situation of the US would have negative consequences after November on the outlook for the future.

Obviously, the US market continues to be a challenge which we must address, according to Minister Oduber. For this reason, says Oduber, this brainstorming session was extremely important. He is convinced that we must tackle the challenges immediately and ascertain what can and should be done to confront the challenges such as that of the US market.



Arubans must become more entrepreneurial

According to Banker Javier Wolter

The Bankers' Association of Aruba is of the opinion that Arubans need more courage to attempt starting their own businesses. If more Arubans undertake establishing businesses the commercial sector will become more active which will help the Aruban economy greatly, according to the Association's President, Banker Javier Wolter.

Javier Wolter, one of Aruba's most respected and well-known bankers participated in the brainstorming session organized by the Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor. This session was held on Wednesday morning at the prestigious Renaissance Convention Center. Wolter was especially pleased to see the participation of the different sectors of our community, like the NGO's, banks and the Ministers of government.

During the brainstorming session mention was made of the way that 2010 went, what is expected of 2011 and what we must do to achieve our goals for 2012. It was also observed that the GDP is growing, caused in great measure by the reopening of the Valero Refinery. However, it appears, according to members of the brainstorming group that personal productivity in Aruba is dropping; actually it is at a low ebb for some time now. This, they exclaimed is very alarming! Commercial creativity is missing. According to observers, one of the major concerns regarding investing in Aruba is the high cost of doing business. It is very expensive to do business here with respect to utility, gasoline, wages have increased, now obligatory pension. These all have a negative effect on the investment climate. And, to top it all off,



according to Javier Wolter, regrettably the phenomena of absenteeism from work (AO) is on the increase causing companies to have to get more people to work.

Javier Wolter, an extremely wise and experienced banker, expressed that there are things we can do to quickly bring about a positive change in the current situation. He believes that practically everyone attending the session are positive people and optimistic. Hence, he feels that 2011 will be a good year for all of Aruba. And, that we should concentrate on becoming more creative and increase productivity. He is convinced that 2012 will be similar to the good years before the current crisis.

Wolter is also of the opinion that the situation today could be better if commerce becomes more active, as active as the government of Aruba. There is a myriad of construction projects in the works and a host of positive things taking place, while the private sector is

standing by idly watching on and waiting. It all has to do with confidence, according to Javier Wolter.

The commercial sector wants to invest but they are afraid that this may cost money. Central Bank has alerted that loan applications are in the bare minimum... business are not lending money. Hence, there is no appetite for investing and it is exactly this that we must change, says Javier Wolter.

This, according to Wolter will change when our business entrepreneurs get more confidence.

The Aruban, says Javier Wolter must become more entrepreneurial. Wolter informed that they as the Association of Bankers will begin offering courses and seminars for those who want to start their own business. The goal of these courses and seminars will be to help new entrepreneurs to begin right in their business venture...and to promote more entrepreneurship.

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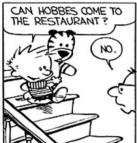
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Finance

G7 meets on faltering world economy amid more market turmoil

MARSEILLE (AFP) - As market turmoil returned, rich nation finance ministers met in Marseille on Friday to try and overcome their differences over whether to stimulate or slash in order to rekindle the faltering global economy.

The finance chiefs and central bank governors of the G7 group of industrialised nations began their talks a day after US President Barack Obama unveiled a \$447 billion (322-billion-euro) jobs plan to energise the world's largest economy.

The gloomy economic backdrop was underlined when US and European stocks dropped sharply after the sudden resignation of the top economist at the European Central Bank added to fears over the continent's sovereign debt crisis.

An Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development report issued on the eve of the meeting said that a new recession in some rich countries cannot be ruled out and the eurozone crisis could deepen.

The finance ministers from Canada, the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France and Italy agree that urgent action is needed to avoid another recession.

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But they differ sharply on what approach to take, with the Americans clearly plumping for stimulus and the Europeans determined to railroad reform and austerity measures through parliaments despite political opposition and massive street protests.

International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde warned that there could be no foot-dragging about finding ways to boost growth.

The US package announced Thursday by Obama was aimed at giving a kick-start to the stalled American economy.

The centrepiece is a deeperthan-expected \$240 billion payroll tax cut for employers and employees meant to keep money in the pockets of those most in need, spur demand and encourage firms to hire new workers.

Most European nations used stimulus spending to temper the effects of the recession that followed the 2008 financial crisis, but have now focused on cutting their deficits given their high debt loads.

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in Marseille that European states needed to do more to prove that they have enough political will to deal with the financial crises roiling the continent.

Libya's new rulers have also been invited to the Marseille meeting in a follow-up to the economic support for the so-called Arab Spring announced at a G7 meeting in May

The fledgling Libyan administration will on Saturday join Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco and Jordan as they explain how they plan to relaunch their economies and hear what help they can expect from the world's major powers.

Obama fires up campaign for jobs plan

RICHMOND (AFP) - An impassioned US President Barack Obama Friday stepped up pressure on Republicans to back his new tax cuts, deploying the fireworks of the campaign trail to promote his new economic plan.

Obama traveled to the key 2012 swing state of Virginia, the political turf of one of his top Republican foes Eric Cantor, at the start of an effort to sell his \$447 billion American Jobs Act in every corner of the country.

The president dared his foes in Congress not to support his plans to cut in half payroll taxes for workers next year, exploiting the traditional Republican desire to reduce the money Americans pay to the government.

The president also renewed his call on Republicans to permit tax increases on the richest Americans and to close tax loopholes for oil firms and other corporations, setting up a new battle in Congress. And before a raucous crowd in an indoor sports arena which at times recalled the electricity of his 2008 campaign, he pleaded with supporters to email, call, tweet and even send a "carrier pigeon" to lawmakers to support him.

He welcomed the measured response of some top Republicans, who more often block his policies, to his plan as both sides of the political aisle feel heat from voters frustrated over

the economy.

Cantor, who heads the Republican majority in the House and has been one of Obama's most strident critics, was due to hold his own jobs event in his Virginia district.

In a series of television interviews, Cantor suggested that some aspects of Obama's plan on which both sides agreed, for example tax relief and reform of unemployment benefits, could be pulled out and passed.

The centerpiece of the proposal is a deeper-than-expected \$240 billion payroll tax cut for employers and employees meant to keep money in the pockets of those most in need, spur demand and encourage firms to hire new workers.



Parents guide to skin protection

It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't



know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to
- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.
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 - Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
 - Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.
- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect
- the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.
 - Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.
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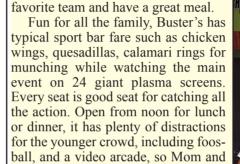
For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

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Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Center Beach across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your



The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on

Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

yellowpages-aruba. com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this.

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships,



they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a place great where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 am., weekends



Brazil becomes home to Miss Universe 2011

Miss Universe 2011 is here! And this time it is taking place on South American soil. Yes, the destination is Brazil and participants from and the Philippines. 89 countries have arrived for the competition. It is the first time the miss universe pagean is taking place in the dazzling city of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Amongst the top rated participants are beautifies from Finland, Malaysia, Angola, Portugal, China, France, Mexico, Brazil, USA,

Kosovo, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Australia, Greece, Israel, Spain, the Ukraine, Aruba, Ĉosta Rica, Russia

While the major tenders have established themselves, participants from Asia, Europe and the Carribbean have also highlighted their presence for the miss world pagean.

The question is now, who will end up replacing Ximena Navarrete as Miss Universe





Diary of 'Russian Anne Frank' tells of Leningrad horror



Anne's Diary is one of the most read books in the world.

MOSCOW (AFP) - Seventy years after the Nazis encircled Leningrad, the diary of a teenage girl chronicling the World War II siege has been published, sparking comparison with Anne Frank.

In May 1941, Leningrad teenager Lena Mukhina started writing a diary, pouring out her hopes and fears, her crush on a classmate called Vladimir and worries about bad marks.

But months later after the

Nazis invaded, the city was besieged, and Mukhina's diary became a chronicle of hunger, desperation and death. Now her diary has been discovered in a state archive and published in Saint Petersburg.

"Today I turned 17. I'm lying in bed with a temperature and writing... Aka (a family friend) this morning brought my 125 grams of bread and 200 grams of sweets. I've already eaten al-

most all the bread and the sweets have to last for 10 days," she wrote on November 21, 1941.

The siege began on September 8, two months after the Nazi invasion, swiftly followed by rationing and cuts to public transport and heating. It was not to be fully lifted for almost 900 days.

Soon the family's situation became desperate, as rations were cut to starvation levels. In a grotesque entry, Mukhina writes that they killed the family cat and cooked it.

"Today we had delicious soup with meat and macaroni. The cat meat will be enough for two more meals... It would be good to get hold of another cat somewhere. I never thought cat meat would be so good and tender," she wrote on December 18.

At the same time, Mukhina continued to fret about her school marks -- "You could say that things at school are rubbish. I have neglected geometry, I got a bad mark in the algebra

test," she wrote the same day.

She also wrote about her tentative feelings for schoolmate Vladimir, nicknamed Vovka. "I just can't forget Vovka. I dream of him every day. Did I really love him? I still can't work it out," she wrote on November 27.

Soon afterwards, the two women Mukhina lived with -- her adoptive mother and a woman named Rozalia, believed to be a former governess of English origin -- both died, after becoming bedridden, too weak to continue searching for food.

"Yesterday morning my mother died. I am alone now," she wrote in a single line on February 8, 1942.

The diary ended abruptly on May 25, 1942, as Mukhina wrote that she hoped to be evacuated.

The diary was handed into a state archive in 1962 by an unknown donor, according to historian Sergei Yarov of the European University at Saint Petersburg, who discovered it and pushed for its publication.

He compared the book to the world-famous diary of Anne Frank, written in hiding in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands before her capture and death in a concentration camp. "Both diaries are about how they suffered repressions, but both diaries are also about how they developed, lived, how they were interested in their own girls' secrets."

Publisher Alexei Gordin said the diary "was one of those books that you simply cannot but publish," as the book, titled "Preserve My Sad History" was presented in Moscow on Wednesday.

In a remarkable twist to the story, the publishers managed to trace relatives of Mukhina in Moscow and discovered that she had survived the siege, but had died in 1991 at the age of 66, leaving no family, and without ever mentioning the diary's existence.

"I knew she was in the siege, but she never used to talk about that. I had never heard anything about the diary," her first cousin once removed, Tatyana Musina, told AFP at the presentation.

"In the diary she appeals to the people who might find her diary if she died, asking them to give it to relatives so they could read what torment she went through.

"And really, it turned out that 70 years later, we read all this and we cried. My sister and I cried when we read it. I think it's an amazing thing."





Kuerten, Kafelnikov, Capriati among Hall nominees



Kuerten

NEWPORT (AFP) - Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten and Russia's first World No. 1, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, were among nine people named Wednesday as nominees for induction into the Interna-

ceremonies set for July 14, 2012, during an ATP grass-court event.

Kuerten, 34, had 43 weeks atop the world rankings. "Guga" won his only Grand Slam titles at Roland Garros,



Kafelnikov

tional Tennis Hall of Fame.

Also nominated were former US women's star Jennifer Capriati, Spanish legend Manuel Orantes, Australia's Thelma Coyne Long, contributors Nick Bollettieri, Eichi Kawatei and Mike Davies and the late Randy

taking the 1997, 2000 and 2001 French Opens. He was the year-end World No. 1 in 2000 and won six of his 20 singles titles in 2001, finishing with a career record of 358-195.

Kafelnikov, 37, won 26 career singles titles, including



Capriati

Snow, a US wheelchair player.

Voting by a media panel will take place over the next few months with 75 percent support needed for enshrinement. Those chosen will be announced early in 2012 with

the 1996 French Open and 1999 Australian Open. No man since Kafelnikov in 1996 at Roland Garros has won singles and doubles crowns at the same Grand Slam event.

The Russian topped the

singles rankings for six weeks and captured Olympic singles gold in 2000 at Sydney. In 2002, he helped Russia win the Davis Cup.

Capriati, 35, turned pro at age 13 in 1990 and played through 2004, winning 14 career singles crowns, including the 1992 Barcelona Olympic gold medal, with a 430-176 career mark.

Capriati won Grand Slam crowns at the 2001 Australian and French Open titles and the 2002 Australian Open crown and topped the world rankings for 18 weeks.

Snow, who became a paraplegic in a farming accident at age 16, won 22 major wheelchair tennis titles before his death in 2009 in El Salvador while serving as a volunteer at a wheelchair tennis camp.

Snow won a silver medal in the 1984 Olympic 1,500m wheelchair exhibition event, took singles and doubles tennis gold at the 1992 Paralympics and helped the US basketball team to a bronze medal at the 1992 Paralympics.

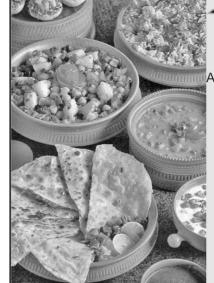
Long, 92, won 19 Grand Slam crowns in singles and doubles from 1935 to 1958 while also serving as a captain in the Australian Women's Army Service during World War II.

Orantes, 62, won the 1975 US Open and was a long-time Davis Cup standout. He was ranked as high as second, in 1973, and won 11 career singles crowns.

Famed coach Bollettieri, 80, has guided 10 players to the top of the rankings, including Andre Agassi, Monica Seles, and Boris Becker. At age 80, he still works with today's rising stars including Japan's Kei Nishikori.

Welshman Davies, 75, is a former executive of the men's pro tennis circuits from their earliest days, having helped make crucial sponsorship and television deals, and later sparked renewed interest in the Davis Cup.

Japan's Kawatei, 78, spent more than 25 years at various levels of Asian tennis, including 10 years directing the Asian and Japan Opens and serving in various International Tennis Federation posts.



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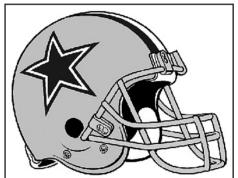
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Cowboys top US value but Man U world no. 1, Forbes says



NEW YORK (AFP) - American football's Dallas Cowboys were rated the most valuable US sport franchise at \$1.85 billion this past week in a Forbes magazine survey, but Manchester United still leads the world at \$1.9 billion.

The financial details released gave the Cowboys a \$150 million edge in worth on their nearest US sport rivals, Major League Baseball's New York Yankees, but the English Premier League club still edged them for global valuation.

Forbes calculations of total revenues and profits were based upon the 2010 season, but valuations were made after the NFL club owners locked out players for 4 1/2 months until mid-July, just ahead of pre-season training camps.

The report, which ranked the average NFL team value at \$1.036 billion, comes on the eve of the 2011 season, which opens Thursday with

the defending Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers facing the New Orleans Saints.

The New York Giants made the biggest value increase, 10 percent to \$1.3 billion, after moving into a new stadium last year. The New York Jets,

who share the stadium, jumped seven percent to fifth overall at \$1.223 billion.

Manchester United's owners, the Glazer family, also own the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who had the worst drop in value at five percent to \$981 million.

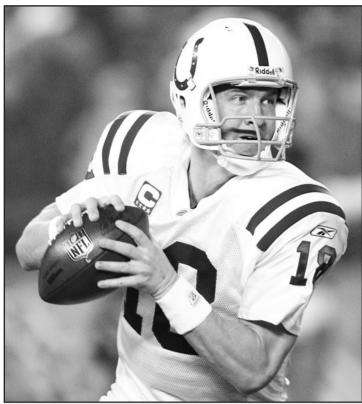
In all, 18 teams increased in value, nine decreased and five stayed the same, including the Washington Redskins, who were second overall at \$1.55 billion with the new England Patriots third at \$1.4 billion.

The NFL boasted 15 of 32 clubs worth \$1 billion or more, with the Jacksonville Jaguars last on the list at \$725 million.

Two teams reported negative operating income for the 2010 campaign in the survey, the Detroit Lions at a deficit of \$7.7 million and the Cleveland Browns at \$2.9 million in the hole.



Colts bench Manning for Sunday to end ironman run



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) -Peyton Manning's streak of 227 consecutive starts for the Indianapolis Colts, the second-longest run by any NFL quarterback, will come to an end Sunday, the team announced on Wednesday.

The Colts said they will start backup Kerry Collins at Houston in their NFL season opener, ending a run of 208 regular-season starts in a row plus playoffs for the 35-yearold superstar who has a fiveyear contract worth \$90 million.

"To say I am disappointed in not being able to play is an understatement," Manning said. "I simply am not healthy enough to play and I am doing everything I can to get my health back.'

Manning, who sparked the Colts to a 2007 Super Bowl triumph, has not fully recovered from neck surgery last May 23 to repair a nerve. He

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had back pain after practicing last week for the first time.

On Thursday Manning underwent neck surgery again and could miss the entire NFL season as a result, ESPN reported on its website.

Citing unnamed sources, the US-based sports television network said Manning underwent a cervical neck fusion that would take two to three months to heal and that his status for the season will be a decision for the Colts to make.

"The team will do fine without me, and I know for sure that I will miss them much more than they miss me," Manning said.

"The best part about football is being out there on the field playing with my teammates. It will be tough not to be out there playing for the organization and our fans."

Only retired Brett Favre, whose run of 297 games in a row ended last season, has played more consecutive NFL games at quarterback since Manning's streak began after he was drafted first overall in the 1998 NFL Draft.

"It's going to be a little different without Peyton. He is one of a kind," Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. "Most teams have had quarterbacks that have missed time. Ours has just been highly unusual.'

The Colts are entering uncertain territory but remain confident.

"He is a great player," Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney said of Manning.
"There are 52 other guys on the team. One guy does not win the game.'

Collins, 38, came out of retirement a few weeks ago to join the Colts in case Manning was not ready to start. Collins took the New York Giants to the Super Bowl in 2001.

Dykstra pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Former Major League Baseball star outfielder Lenny Dykstra has pleaded not guilty to allegedly exposing himself to women he met on the Craigslist internet site.

Dykstra, who played for the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies, is accused of exposing himself to several women who answered ads for personal assistants and housekeepers beginning in 2009.

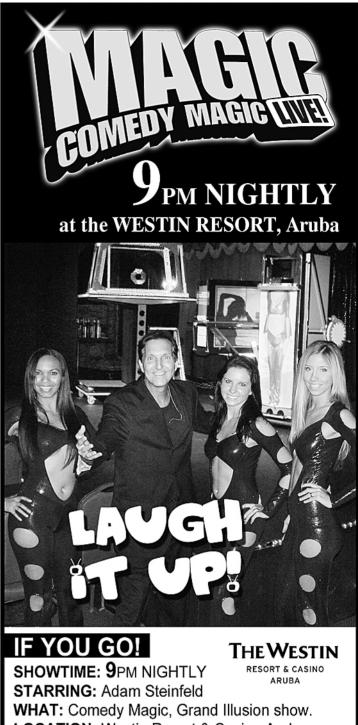
A pretrial hearing is scheduled October 5 on the indecent exposure misdemeanor charges.

National League

MLB Standings

American League W L Pct GB NY YANKEES 87 54 .617 **BOSTON** 85 57 .599 2.5 **TAMPA** 78 64 .549 9.5 **TORONTO** 71 72 .497 17 **BALTIMORE** 56 85 .397 31.0 <u>Central</u> **DETROIT** 81 62 .556 CHICAGO 71 70 .504 9.0 **CLEVELAND** 70 70 .500 9.5 **KANSAS** 60 84 417 21.5 **MINNESOTA** 59 84 .413 22.0 **TEXAS** 81 63 .562 LA ANGELES 78 65 .545 2.5 OAKLAND 65 78 .455 15.5 59 83 .415 21.0 **SEATTLE**

East	W	L Pct GI
PHILADELPHIA	91	48 .655
ATLANTA	82	60 .577 10.5
NY METS	70	71 .496 22.0
WASHINGTON	65	75 .464 26.5
FLORIDA	63	79 .444 29.5
Central		
MILWAUKEE	85	59 .590
ST. LOUIS	76	67 .531 8.5
CINCINNATI	70	73 .490 14.5
PITTSBURG	66	77 .462 18.5
CHICAGO	62	81 .434 22.5
HOUSTON	48	95 .336 36.5
West		
ARIZONA	82	61 .573
SAN FRANCISCO	75	68 .524 7.0
LA DODGERS	69	72 .489 12.0
COLORADO	67	76 .469 15.0
SAN DIEGO	62	81 .434 20.0



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London 2012 chief predicts sell-out

LONDON (AFP) - The 2012 Paralympics will be a sellout, London Games chief Sebastian Coe predicted this week, as athletes showcased disabled sport at a day of events giving the public a taste of the action.

Coe said he expected the huge demand for London Olympics seats to be replicated when tickets went on sale on Friday for the Paralympics.

Some 1.5 million of the two million tickets are up for grabs and London's Trafalgar Square hosted International Paralympic Day on Thursday to show off the range of sports punters can watch next

Asked if he thought the Paralympics would sell out, Coe told reporters: "I do think we will. Over half the people that said they wanted Olympic tickets indicated they would want Paralympic tickets too.

"At that level we had a million people. I think we've got a really good chance."

The Paralympics take place from August 29 to September 9 next year, two weeks after the Olympics closing ceremony.

US spirit after 9-11 to be saluted at NFL games

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Football League teams will pay tribute to the "American spirit" with ceremonies at all 13 games being played on Sunday, the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The NFL shut down for a weekend in 2001 in the wake of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon near Washington.

NFL games will be played on Sunday near both sites were hijacked airplanes crashed, with the New York Giants visiting the Washington Redskins and the New York Jets playing host to the Dallas Cowboys.

All players and coaches will wear a 9/11 commemorative ribbon patch on team uniforms and all fields where

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games will be played on September 11 will feature a ribbon on the field in homage to those who lost their lives in the attacks.

Coaches and players will join with firefighters and police officers in holding fieldlength American flags during the traditional playing of the US national anthem, the league said in detailing 9-11 remembrance plans.

Ceremonies will "recognize those who lost their lives, honor the families who lost loved ones, and salute the American spirit, the early responders on 9/11 and other heroes that contributed to the nation's recovery," the NFL said.

A video introduction, the playing of "Taps" and moments of silence will be part of the pre-game salutes.

"Taps" will be performed

before some games from Arlington National Cemetery near the Pentagon and Washington and shown on stadium videoscreens.

For others, the performance will come from Shaksville, Pennsylvania, where passengers brought down a hijacked airplane, Flight 93, bound for a destination at the US capital on the day of the attacks.

The Baltimore Ravens will host the arch-rival Pittsburgh Steelers on September 11 in a matchup of the teams located nearest Shanksville.

The Redskins will meet the Giants only a short drive from the Pentagon while the Jets and Dallas meet in a night game across the Hudson River from the site where the Twin Towers once

Packers defeat Saints in season opener

GREEN BAY (AFP) - Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and the reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers beat the New Orleans Saints 42-34 on Thursday in the opening game of the NFL season

Rodgers became the first player to throw three touchdowns in the first quarter of an opener since Buffalo's Jack Kemp in 1964, and traded big plays and scoring drives with Saints captain Drew Brees all

Rodgers completed 27 of 35 passes for 312 yards and sparked the Packers to the most points by any reigning Super Bowl champion in a season opener.

Green Bay, whose record 13 NFL titles include four in the Super Bowl era, celebrated last February's title-game tri-

upon appointment

umph over Pittsburgh and began the business of adding yet another championship banner at historic Lambeau Field.

In a game dominated by offensive playmakers, Brees flipped his third touchdown pass of the night to Jimmy Graham from five yards to pull New Orleans within 42-34 with 2:15 remaining.

Driver recovered the Saints' onside kick attempt but the Packers were unable to run out the clock and punted to New Orleans, giving Brees a chance to equalize.

Brees completed five passes in a row to march the Saints to the Green Bay 10yard line with three seconds to

His last toss went incomplete but referees ruled defensive pass interference against Green Bay, giving the Saints the ball at the Packers 1-yard line with an untimed down, one last play, to score a touchdown.

Bay's defense stopped Mark Ingram's run up the middle for no gain and the Packers had the victory.

Rodgers threw touchdown passes of seven yards to Greg Jennings, three yards to Jordy Nelson and 32 yards to Randall Cobb to give the Packers a 21-7 lead after the first quarter. A 17-yard James Stark touchdown run gave them a 28-17 half-time lead.

Brees completed a 31-yard touchdown pass to Robert Meachem in the first quarter, John Kasay kicked a 30-yard field goal and Darren Sproles returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown for the Saints in the first half.

Kasay kicked a 38-yard field goal 6:20 into the third quarter to pull the Saints back to 28-20, but the Packers struck back on the ensuing

Cobb, making his NFL debut, returned the ball 108 yards for a touchdown to boost the Packers' lead to 15 points and matching an NFL record for the longest kickoff return in league history in the process.

But just 92 seconds later, Brees answered for the Saints, connecting with Devery Henderson on a 29-yard pass that pulled New Orleans within 35-

After New Orleans failed on a fourth-down play early in the fourth quarter, Green Bay drove 93 yards and took a 42-27 lead on John Kuhn's oneyard touchdown run, setting up the closing drama.



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